

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/385,597

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to 11/03/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 71-83,97,98 and 100-136.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Requesting Continued Examination (RCE)

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the Requesting Continued Examination (RCE) field 11/03/2006.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 71-83, 97-98 and 100-136 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of records to Bunte et al, Worthington et al, Tracy et al and all other cited references, taken alone or in combination, fails to teach or fairly suggest the specific structure or the method for attracting attention of an operator of a handheld optical reader comprising, among other things, a host processor having an associated display spaced apart from an optical reader, wherein the host processor sends to the optical reader a beeper control instruction to actuate the acoustic output device so that the acoustic output device emits a series of beeps without actuating the display, wherein the host processor sends to the optical reader a display control instruction to cause a predetermined indicia to be displayed on the display without actuating the acoustic output device as set forth in claims 71, 76, 104, 112 and 125; wherein the host

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processor sends to the optical reader a light source control instruction to cause the light source to direct light toward a target of the optical reader without causing actuation of the reader's imaging assembly as set forth in claim 98; the combination thereof as set forth in claim 117; and wirelessly sending from the spaced apart host processor to the hand held optical reader at least one of the light source component control instruction, and the acoustic output device component control instruction, whereby a user-perceivable result is produced by the hand held optical reader substantially on receipt of the at least one component control instruction so that an alarm condition/attention of an operator is indicated to an operator of the hand held optical reader as set forth in claims 129 and 133.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Uyen-Chau

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N. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-2397. The examiner can normally be reached on maxi-flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on 571-272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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